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SUBJECT: INDONESIAN SCENARIO FOR TIMOR

1. IN CONVERSATION WITH ME MARCH 14, GENERAL BENNI MURDANI OUTLINED INDONESIAN PLANS FOR CONSTITUTIONAL INCORPORATION OF EAST TIMOR. GENERAL MURDANI IS OFFICER PRIMARILY RESPONSIBLE FOR TIMOR OPERATION.

2. GENERAL MURDANI ANTICIPATES THAT "WITHING NEXT FEW WEEKS" PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT OF EAST TMOR WILL ARRANGE ELECTIONS FOR REPRESENTATIVES FROM EACH OF 16 COUNTIES. THESE REPRESENTATIVES WILL MEET AND CHOOSE DELEGATION TO GO TO JAKARTA TO MAKE FORMAL REQUEST FOR INCORPORATION INTO INDONESIA. UN WILL BE INVITED TO SEND OBSERVERS TO WITNESS ELECTION.

2. FOLLOWING MEETING OF DELEGATION WITH HOME MINISTER, DELEGATION WILL BE REFERRED TO INDONESIAN PARLIAMENT. PARLIAMENT WILL THEN FORM DELEGATION TO GO TO TIMOR TO STUDY SITUATION AND REPORT BACK. CONSTITUTIONAL AMEND-
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MENT IN RESPONSE TO EAST TIMOR APPEAL WILL THEN BE DRAFTED.

PARLIAMENTARY DEADLINE FOR AMENDMENT WILL BE AUGUST 15
SO THAT INCORPORATION CAN BE PROCLAIMED ON INDONESIA
INDEPENDENCE DAY, AUGUST 17.

4. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION ABOUT SITUATION WITHIN EAST
TIMOR, GENERAL MURDANI SAID APPROXIMATELY 500 FRETILIN
SOLDIERS WERE STILL HOLDING OUT IN ONE AREA IN THE
INTERIOR. THERE HAD BEEN SOME MOVE AMONG THESE MEN TO
SURRENDER BUT THIS HAD BEEN BLOCKED BY "WHITE MEN IN
THEIR MIDST." MURDANI SAID HE DID NOT KNOW WHO THESE
REPORTED WHITE MEN WERE. INDONESIA'S OBJECTIVE IS TO
OBTAIN SURRENDER OF 500. PLAN IS
TO AWAIT DRY SEASON AND HOPEFULLY STARVE OUT THIS RE-
MAINDER. ACCORDING MURDANI, IT WILL BE NECESSARY IN
SUCH CASE PROTECT THEM FROM WRATH OF PGET FORCES WHO
WOULD BE LIKELY KILL THEM ALL. EMOTIONS HAVE BEEN
AROUSED BY DISCOVERY OF MASS GRAVES WHERE LARGE NUMBER
NON-FRETILIN TIMORESE
WERE KILLED BY FRETILIN. MURDANI SAID HE HAS SEEN
GRAVES HIMSELF.

5. COMMENT: FOREGOING IS PROBABLY MURDANI'S HOPED FOR
SCENARIO TO MEET WISHES OF PRESIDENT WHO WOULD LIKE TO
ANNOUNCE INCORPORATION ON AUGUST 17. SO FAR AS WE KNOW,
THERE ARE FEW OBSTACLES TO THIS BEING CARRIED OUT BY
INDONESIA ALTHOUGH UN PARTICIPATION IS PROBABLY
UNCERTAIN.
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